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## **JEFFERSON CITY MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Jefferson City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today to life imprisonment for distributing crack cocaine.

**Jessie Lee Robinson**, 38, of Jefferson City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to life in federal prison without parole.

**Robinson** was convicted by a federal jury on Aug. 8, 2005, of distributing crack cocaine on Oct. 30 and Nov. 13, 2003, and of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Nov. 26, 2003, in Cole County, Mo.

**Robinson** sold \$50 worth of crack cocaine to a confidential informant on two separate occasions, Graves said, and those transactions were captured on videotape. **Robinson** was arrested on Nov. 26, 2003, following a foot chase by police officers. During that pursuit through several yards in a residential area on East McCarty Street in Jefferson City, Graves said, **Robinson** discarded a large roll of cash and several bags containing a total of 63.32 grams of crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Jefferson City, Mo., Police Department, MUSTANG (the Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team and Narcotics Group), and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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